

BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

LOUIS B. FLORES, M.D.

Holder of License No. 22613

For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona

Case No. MD-04-1248A

**CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR
LETTER OF REPRIMAND****CONSENT AGREEMENT**

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") and Louis B. Flores, M.D. ("Respondent"), the parties agreed to the following disposition of this matter.

1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement"). Respondent acknowledges that he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

2. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Consent Agreement.

3. This Consent Agreement is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.

4. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government.

1 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or
2 any other state or federal court.

3 5. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof)
4 to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the acceptance of the
5 Consent Agreement. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any
6 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved
7 by the parties.

8 6. This Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that
9 will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the
10 National Practitioner Data Bank and to the Arizona Medical Board's website.

11 7. If any part of the Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise
12 unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in force
13 and effect.

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17 LOUIS B. FLORES, M.D.

DATED: 4-16-08

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of license number 22613 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board initiated case number MD-04-1248A after receiving notification of a malpractice settlement involving Respondent's care and treatment of a 46 year-old female patient ("WG").

4. From August 16, 1996 through March 29, 2001 WG was seen at the clinic where Respondent was employed 35 times with complaints of chronic low back and hip pain, arthritis and headaches. A hip x-ray in May 2000 revealed minimal degenerative change. The nurse ("Nurse") practicing at the clinic was WG's primary caregiver. Respondent saw WG five times from March 8, 2000 through October 9, 2000.

5. On April 4, 2001 Respondent, filling in for Nurse, prescribed WG Oxycontin 160mg #120 and Oxycontin IR 5mg #600. Respondent had not physically examined WG since October 9, 2000 and did not appropriately document the need for such a large amount of pain medication.

6. The Board finds Respondent failed to follow its guidelines for prescribing controlled substances including adequate documentation of WG's medications such as date, type, dose and quantity prescribed. Additionally, the Board finds the amount of medication Respondent prescribed to WG was not supported by her medical record.

7. Respondent's medical documentation for WG failed to provide sufficient information for another practitioner to assume continuity of the patient's care because of the sporadic nature in which the medications are noted in the chart.

8. Respondent admits the facts as described, above.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.

2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401 (27)(e) – (“failing or refusing to maintain adequate records on patient.”).

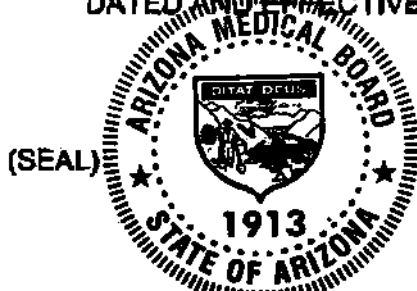
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand for failing to maintain adequate records on a patient.

2. This Order is the final disposition of case number MD-04-1248A.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 5th day of JUNE, 2008.



ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By Lisa S. Wynn
LISA S. WYNN
Executive Director

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this day of June, 2008 with:

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EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed this 5th day of June, 2008 to:
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Chris Thompson
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